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*Response to Amendment*

1. This Office communication is in response to the election filed on January 4, 2002.
2. The reply filed on January 4, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): it is not clear which of the four inventions has been elected because applicant makes two contradictory statements, namely that Group I is elected and that "claims 1- 8 and 20 drawn to systems" are elected. Claims 1 through 8 and 21 are drawn to Group I, Groups I and II are drawn to distinct systems, and claim 20 is part of Group IV and is drawn to a method. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**
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